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Teams Ruiz, Orange divide student vote

LORRELL D. KILPATRICK
Managing Editor

After two weeks of anticipation and four days of actual online voting, the SGA elections are over and the winners for the executive have been announced.

The Fall 2002 SGA executive board will be: Susan Ruiz, student body president; John Fetsis, student body vice president; Valdemar Garibay, vice president of finance; Christine Parry, vice president of programming; Jennifer Tortellano, executive secretary.

Ruiz said that overall the online voting was a good idea but the elections just were not publicized enough. She said that the postponement did affect the voter turnout. Even though her team did a good job of networking and getting people to know who they were, because they had to wait an extra week to vote, some people just lost interest all together.

Christy Macek, candidate for student body vice president, expressed the same sentiment as

Ruiz in regards to the idea of online voting.

"(The postponement) screwed everything up because people didn't know when to vote," said Macek.

In the aftermath of all the confusion that ensued, the student body now has an almost complete student government. The final task that the election committee has to complete is the seating of the senators. There were 30 senate positions available to be filled and what the election committee has to do is tally the votes of all the write-ins choose the 30 people with the most votes.

Cory Sizemore, election committee chair, said, "The senators that got the most votes will be called back up to 30 people."

If there is a multiple tie between write-in senators then, "the seated senators will choose between tied positions up to 30 people," according to Sizemore.

He said, "It was an excellent accomplishment that we did this year. If the election hadn't been postpone, we wouldn't have had as big a turnout.

"If there had been paper ballots then the students would look at it as a joke, just like homecoming, and they wouldn't trust it."

Now that some of the positions are filled, the winners have the task of coming together as leaders and making this new administration work.

"I think there may be a slight communication block but they'll have to overcome it to better the lives of the student body," said Sizemore.

Ruiz said, "We're coming in with two different ideas and we are going to have to talk a lot of things through."

"Everyone is open to both ideas, so we just have to try and work well together."

The first thing on Ruiz's agenda is the organization of the SGA's policies.

"I think I'm going to review everything with the senate to make sure it's what they wanted to do and they weren't persuaded into anything."

Sizemore said that the senate seating would take place as soon as possible.



Photo by Kristin Harkin

Mike Brown (left), a freshman majoring in electrical engineering, and Matt Andruszjewicz, a freshman majoring in mechanical engineering, get rowdy during the last seconds of a racecar game.

Tuition increases for 2002-2003 school year

CHRISTOPHER JONES
News Writer

To maintain a projected loss of \$4.5 million in school budget PUC will increase tuition 10 percent in 2002-2003 for returning students.

The PUC Board of Trustees made the decision at its April 12 meeting and the plan was reiterated at the April 26 town hall meeting. In addition, new students will pay a \$16 per credit hour increase. With these increases PUC will try to offset the effects of the state budget cut and is counting on acquiring 181,000 billable hours in 2002-2003.

Returning undergraduate students, who are Indiana residents, will have to pay \$120.20 per credit hour in 2002-2003, as opposed to non-residents who will pay \$301.95 per credit hour. New undergraduate students, who are Indiana residents, will pay \$136.20 per credit hour in 2002-2003, as opposed to non-residents paying \$317.95 per credit.

This tuition increase has been met with mixed reactions by the faculty and students of PUC. Gary Newsom, vice chancellor of administrative services, expressed concern at the town hall meeting that new students would have to carry too much of a load, since their tuition will be raised approximately 23 percent.

Cory Sizemore, president of the student body, does not believe that the tuition increase will affect

the number of students who will enroll in 2002-2003, but questioned why students would pay more to attend PUC.

"Why would a student want to go to PUC when they could attend Purdue (West Lafayette) for a little bit more (money)," Sizemore said.

PUC faculty has suggested that tuition increases are occurring across the country. At the same April 12 Board of Trustees meeting Purdue University West Lafayette increased its tuition 15

percent for 2002-2003. Carmen Moreno-Davis, a clerk in the business office, believes that the tuition increase is a result of the increasing cost of living. She believes that students who value their PUC education will not mind the tuition increase.

"If a student values their education, and PUC is the only school they can afford because of their finances, the increases may not be that difficult to manage," Moreno-Davis said.

Sizemore said that if PUC is going to raise tuition then it has to provide for the students.

"PUC's going to have to appeal to the students and get better professors and follow The Strategic Plan to a tee," Sizemore said.

In addition to the costs for undergraduate students in 2002-2003, there will also be a tuition increase for graduate students. A returning graduate student, if they reside in Indiana, will pay \$156.05 per credit hour, as opposed to a

non-resident graduate student paying \$354.35 per credit hour. New graduate students, residing in Indiana, will pay \$172.05 per credit hour, as opposed to non-residents paying \$370.35 per credit hour.

There will also be increases in fees for 2002-2003. Undergraduates will pay a student service fee of \$5.90, where a graduate student will pay \$2.50 in student service fees. All students will pay \$5.50 in technology fees and \$40 in laboratory fees.

State budget cuts will not affect schools within PUC

CHRISTOPHER JONES
News Writer

There are concerns that programs within PUC may have to cut their budgets in light of Indiana cutting the university's budget by \$4.7 million.

Funding for schools within PUC is based on lab hours, faculty and credit hours. The school of professional studies has the highest budget, receiving \$4.3 million in 2001-2002. The school of professional studies includes management and nursing. The lowest budget is allocated to the school of technology, which received \$3.5 million in 2001-2002.

Enrollment plays a factor in how much funds a school receives. Faculty is hired based

on the number of students enrolled within their school. If an increasing number of students enroll within a given school, then the faculty increases, as does that school's budget. For instance, the English and philosophy department received \$977,109 in funding in 2001-2002, as compared to the school of management receiving \$1.5 million. This is due to the higher enrollment, lab hours and faculty required to serve the school of management.

Budgets are broken down into two categories: salaries and wages, and supplies and expenses. The majority of budgets are spent on salaries and wages. For instance, the school of engineering, mathematics and science has \$3.5 million allocated in

salaries and wages budget versus \$46,419 allocated for supplies and expenses.

With the state cutting \$4.7 million in PUC budget, there is concern that the cuts will affect school programs. At a town hall meeting held April 26 Chancellor Howard Cohen said that the PUC cuts will not include department cuts. The major cuts in PUC budget will come from the general operating funds, technology and repair and rehabilitation.

Gary Newsom, vice chancellor of administrative services said that he could not speculate on whether there would be specific departmental cuts, since those decisions have not been made, but does not believe that departments will be affected. He

maintained, however, that spending on departments is not based on enrollment, but on the number of lab hours that a department needs.

"Engineering (for instance) receives more money than the English department because engineering requires more faculty and labs," Newsom said.

Carmen Moreno-Davis, a clerk in the business office, who works with programming budgets, does not anticipate that the school budget cuts will affect individual departments, but may instead affect the amount of supplies and expenses that departments use.

"Instead of making two copies of something, we might only make one copy (to conserve paper)," Moreno-Davis said.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Recent examples of a successful 2001-02 academic year

We are in the home stretch of another academic year—a year that has featured a new chancellor, the implementation of a five-year strategic planning initiative for our campus and the challenges of moving Purdue Calumet to the next level of excellence in the face of a state of Indiana budgetary shortfall.

It has been a year in which new and ambitious meaning has been given to the term “student success.”

It also has been a year in which we have come to recognize the importance of university connectivity and partnerships as ways to help promote success and, ultimately, benefit students.

In this final Administration Update of the 2001-02 academic year, we want to share with you three notable and recent achievements that speak to the essence of Purdue Calumet success from different perspectives.

School of Education re-accredited

Our School of Education has received continuing accreditation for the maximum period of five years by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

According to School of Education Head Dr. Robert Rivers, “Purdue Calumet is one of the first institutions in Indiana to be reviewed according to NCATE 2000 standards, which are significantly more demanding than previous standards.” He adds that Purdue Calumet met every standard set by NCATE and the Indiana Professional Standards Board.

“This substantiates that we are one of the high quality programs preparing teachers in Indiana,” Dr. Rivers said. “We are very pleased with the hard work demonstrated by our faculty, staff and administration within the School of Education, as well as those departments with teacher education programs that provided support in this accreditation process.”

Society of Women Engineers chapter is tops in Chicagoland

The Purdue Calumet chapter of the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) is the 2002 Chicagoland regional winner of the SWE Student Section Award. The award recognizes a commitment to continuing development of student members.

Our SWE chapter earned its honor through an initiative it organized: In the Real World. The initiative featured two programs: one addressing various issues and matters regarding what students can expect after graduation and how to prepare for such. Topics included: what to expect in your first year, resume building and interview skills, how to weigh job offers and negotiate a better offer, investment skills, buying a house and a car, and Purdue graduate programs. The program was open to all Purdue Calumet students, faculty and staff.

A second program, held in partnership with the Calumet Chapter of the Indiana Society of Professional Engineers and the Purdue Calumet student chapter of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE), focused on such issues of career development as professional licensing, graduate school, continuing education, mentoring, and the topic “What they didn’t teach me in college.”

Purdue Calumet SWE officers are: Jacqueline Flores, president; Nova Carden, vice president; April Krueger, treasurer; and Jennifer Watts, secretary. Professor of Mechanical Engineering Chenn Zhou is the faculty advisor.

1st class of fitness management graduates

The first three graduation candidates of Purdue Calumet’s bachelor’s degree program in fitness management are on schedule to receive their diplomas later this month.

The candidates—Jill Kisse, Amanda Stutler and Tabitha Stills—previously earned at Purdue Calumet an associate degree in nutrition, fitness and health. Their baccalaureate degree work builds on their associate degree foundation by preparing them for management positions in the growing industry of fitness and wellness—an industry in which all three already are employed.

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Best wishes this week with your final exams!

What’s goin’ on?

A look around campus

CSEM Scholarships available

CSEM Scholarships are available for full-time students majoring in Computer Science, Engineering, or Mathematics. Scholars will be chosen based on financial need, academic merit and professional success. The award is up to \$3,125 each year, up to two years. Application deadline is June 14. For more information please contact Roy Hamilton at (219) 989-2779.

PUC photo club reconvenes

The PUC Photo Club will be re-membering this fall and is seeking members. No experience is necessary. If you are interested in photography or want to learn more please contact Kristin at PUCphotoclub@hotmail.com for additional information. The photo club will host guest lectures and plan photo outings.

Chronicle seeks to fill various positions

The Chronicle is looking for students to fill many positions next fall. The Chronicle seeks news writers, entertainment writers, sports writers, photographers, designers, copy editors and advertising representatives. Please call (219) 989-2547 for more information or visit SFLC 344-H to fill out an application.

Zeta Phi Beta chapter to host Mother’s Day Brunch

On Saturday, May 11, Delta Omicron Undergraduate Chapter will be hosting a Mother’s Day Brunch. The theme is “Mothers: A Legacy of Love.” The event will be at The Center on campus beginning at 10 a.m. For more information please contact Tameka Chihota by email at edwardschihota@aol.com or at (219) 989-2369.

Main Computer Lab to delete personal H drive

On Aug. 3, the main computer lab will delete all information saved on everyone’s personal H drive. Before

this date, everyone should back up their saved information onto disk or zip file. They will also be using a new webmail client so any current information stored on webmail should also be transferred or backed up to another account or system.

Intramural soccer team seeks new players

The new intramural soccer team seeks student players. No experience is necessary to join. Please call (708) 372-7438 for more information or to join.

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Int. seeks new members

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority is seeking new members for their fall 2002 semester. If you are interested in attending information sessions during the summer, please contact Lorrell Kilpatrick via email at ld_kilpatrick@hotmail.com or call at (219) 201-6008.

Student ID debit card survey occurs online

The Student ID Committee is offering a survey online for students and staff to give feedback to the idea of using the ID card as a debit card. Please visit the PUC website and voice your opinion. The survey will be available online until May 12.

PUC Alumni Association hosts golf outing

The PUC Alumni Association is sponsoring its annual golf outing, Saturday, June 15 at The Course at Aberdeen in Valparaiso. Reservations are \$100 each and include greens fees, cart, continental breakfast, lunch buffet, golfer’s gift and prizes.

Tee times begin at 9:30 a.m. and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. The outing is scramble format. All golfers are welcome. For more information, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (219) 989-2414.

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“As the family goes, so goes the nation and so goes the world in which we live.”

**-Pope John Paul II
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Burdan denied tenure

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Judith Burdan has been denied tenure despite wide student endorsement in her nearly six years at PUC.

"Judith Burdan is one of those teachers who went above and beyond the call of duty," said Denise Burns, a junior in the McNair program.

Burdan came to PUC as an assistant professor of English in 1996 from the University of North Carolina with a doctoral degree focusing on 18th century British literature.

Despite serving as associate vice-president of the American Society for Eighteenth-Century Scholars, publishing several articles, and having a book in evaluation at a university publisher, Burdan was told she was denied tenure because she had "not made sufficient contribution to scholarship in the field."



photo provided

Judith Burdan

Burdan said the criteria for tenure have been rather nebulous. The faculty senate is currently considering making the tenure criteria clearer. According to the proposed document SD-02-01, tenure is based upon "excellence in teaching or scholarship, together with strength in the other, and with active participation in service."

As Burdan said, the problem still is that there are many ways "excellence can be interpreted."

Not getting tenure definitely makes things more difficult for Burdan to seek a tenure track position at another school.

She said she would be helped by getting a contract for her book "Managing Character: The Child and the Novel in the Eighteenth Century," which is currently being reviewed by a publisher.

"It will also help me that I have great recommendations from people in my department. I had unanimous support for tenure from the English and philosophy department."

In addition, Burdan will leave PUC with a lot of student support. Heather Cook, senior, who collected over 200 names in support of Burdan, said that she was trying to let the administration "know that we support her. If we have somebody that valuable going out the door, we need to reevaluate the tenure process."

Student success center planned

CHRISTOPHER JONES
News Writer

PUC has planned several projects in hopes of helping students further their education.

Sandra Singer, vice chancellor of academic affairs, has primary responsibilities for the Student Success Center, a facility that will help students to engage in a community atmosphere while pursuing their major. Singer and her committee believe they will have a proposal for the project by the end of the summer. The proposal will include the services that will be offered, the staff needed and the cost of the project. Two students, Nicholas Orange, vice president of the student body and John Fetsis, president of protem, will be members of the student success center committee. These students will be expected to attend committee meetings, assess student needs and do research.

The center will provide services to help students achieve in the classroom, such as tutoring and a learning community. The learn-

"It's going to give students a sense of community."

Cory Sizemore,
President, student body

ing community will be a new service and will offer freshman the opportunity to work as a group. Incoming freshman will schedule in a block, in order to take classes together and to build relationships. The students will be in the same sections of classes, so that they will be instructed by the same professors. The professors of these blocks will meet and decide the best criteria for teaching the students. Professors from different departments will combine their teachings to better educate their students. For instance, a teacher from the mathematics Department might meet with an instructor from the English Department to set a course of studies.

Singer believes that a student community will cut the number of students who drop out of school.

"Students who participate in learning communities tend to stay

in school longer," Singer said.

The center will also offer supplemental courses, which will consist of seniors taking classes in order to tutor other students on the courses.

The Student Success Center is not the only project that PUC is planning to build. Leo Bryant, vice chancellor of student service, said that the Student Success Center project and other PUC projects being built are in the planning stage. Consultants have been hired to evaluate projects, like the Business and Technology Center, which are being built in south Lake County. Bryant also said that PUC is in the process of assessing student interest in building an on campus dormitory.

Cory Sizemore, president of the student body, believes that the dorms will benefit students and will bring life to the campus.

"It's going to give students a sense of community," Sizemore said.

Bryant agreed, believing that these PUC projects will affect the campus in a positive way and will help enrollment to increase.

"(The projects) are for the viability of the students and will bring the school to the mentioned next level of excellence. (Projects) will make (PUC) a better institution, giving students variety and retain student enrollment," Bryant said.

The PUC Police Report



Tuesday, April 16, 12 p.m.

A park car was struck by another unknown vehicle sometime between 9 a.m. and noon.

Wednesday April 17, 2:45 p.m.

A person sustained pain in the left leg, hip and lower back after mopping. No treatment was given.

Thursday, April 18, 3:25 p.m.

A person sustained a small cut and a bruise on the right forearm after it was closed in a filing cabinet drawer. No treatment was given.

Friday, April 19, 11 a.m.

A staff member, driving a university vehicle, inadvertently struck a tree while backing up.

Friday, April 19, 12 p.m.

A staff member received an unsolicited e-mail. The case is under investigation.

Library program tracks success

LORRELL D. KILPATRICK
Managing Editor

In recognition of National Library Week, the staff of the PUC library held an open house reception to detail their future plans in progress for the facility.

Sandra Singer, vice chancellor for academic affairs, said that she wants the library to be a place that supports campus life and to have a role in the student success center.

Singer said, "Library advances have led the way in academia and has been a leader in testing information technology."

She said that the student need is assessed by a survey that is distributed annually and by an advisory committee that also assesses what people need and why.

In her presentation to the group, Kathryn H. Carpenter, director of library services, said that there are four primary duties that the library strives to carry out. The first is to provide the students, faculty and community with a connection to information.

Carpenter said, "We fulfill this goal by providing both on-site and remote access to the information."

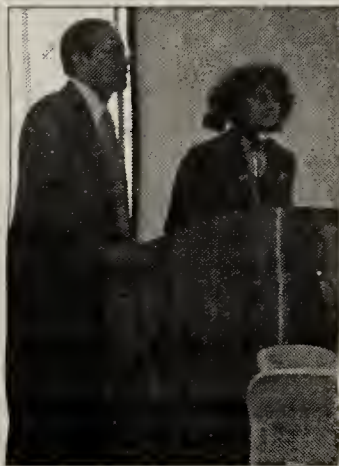


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Chancellor Cohen and Kathryn H. Carpenter address the crowd at the program.

Students who are not on campus can access library facilities via their website. Information on books, journals, periodicals and all other resources available in the library can be retrieved from the library PULSE system. The second mission that Carpenter laid out in her presentation addresses the capability to navigate this search system.

The second mission that the library undertakes is to assist users in identifying, accessing

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Tuition increase affects PUC, students should be involved in the process.

PUC's 10 percent tuition increase will affect the entire student body. Students will not only pay more, but will also have to wonder where the money is going. PUC has not made it clear as to where the extra money from the tuition increase will be going. It has been said that the money will not be taken out of departments on campus. Will it then be taken out of student service fee money? If not then where exactly will the money come from? More importantly, where will the extra money be going?

What will this large amount of extra money be spent? Will they be asking students where to spend the extra money? After all, it is the students' money that will be spent.

Hopefully students will see an increase in the benefits on campus. If students are the ones paying the extra money, they should also be the ones who reap the extra benefits. Or, is the tuition being raised to fill a hole of debt already incurred?

There is also an increase in student service fees and technology fees. Will students see these benefits? Will students have newer computers? Will this money be given to the student service fee account? Or will the money be transferred somewhere else? Students need to see these benefits to feel that their money has been well spent.

If PUC is being forced to make this increase due to state budget cuts, what are they doing to inform students of the increase? Many students work and need to plan ahead with finances. Will they be surprised when they receive their tuition bill in the mail? Will they have to work overtime so they are able to continue their education? Hopefully not. Hopefully PUC will make an effort to inform the student body of these changes and explain why they will be paying more. And hopefully students will be informed before they receive that bill.

With more state education budget cuts, PUC is likely to lose even more state funding in upcoming years. What is PUC doing to plan ahead for the cuts so they students will not be penalized again? What are they doing at the state level to discourage further cuts? Will the tuition be raised again soon?

Students should get involved with the current education problem. Every year, money for education has been depleting. PUC could direct students and tell them how to get involved. These decisions are directing affecting students. They are affecting not only their tuition increases, but also their resources on campus and student activities funding. PUC and the student body need to take a stand on the current situation.

It seems that the PUC administration is not showing the students that they are trying to inform themselves or the student body about what is going on. Taking this into consideration, the students should take matters into their own hands. The next board of trustees meeting will be at PUC in The Center June 7. Students should call the chancellor's office for the time of the meeting and then make it a point to be in attendance. If 20 or more students attended a meeting and in the open forum section of the agenda pressed the board to tell them where their money was going, then the administration of the university would be forced to answer.

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Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

I am writing to inform the PUC community of an innovative program established on campus. It has come to my attention that the School of Education has implemented and coordinated a Diversity Center serving the School of Education students. According to the Diversity Center website, diversity is defined as race, ethnicity, gender, language, special needs, sexual orientation, religion, socioeconomic, and geographic differences.

In my previous experience, I did not find the PUC community accepting of diversity. As an undergrad, I was President and a co-founding member of Triangle of Friends, a gay, lesbian, and bisexual organization on campus. I would often find our group flyers either ripped down or defaced with homophobic statements. Unfortunately, PUC did not address our concerns.

With the creation of the Diversity Center, I am pleased as a Latina, bisexual woman of the move towards acceptance on this campus. As I leave Purdue, I would like to see these changes continue. I know these kind of changes are not always popular to talk about. I also know that doing so often makes people uncomfortable. However, I know that keeping silent will not help PUC to address diversity issues and concern. I am writing this letter for all who are silent.

My wish as I graduate is that the Diversity Center will be made accessible to the entire PUC community, not just to serve the School of Education students. As a soon to be alumni, I would support this kind of center.

I hope the Chronicle will highlight and keep track of this innovation program. Most importantly, I hope the Chancellor will help to expand this program to provide an all-inclusive community at PUC.

For those in the PUC community interested in learning more about the Diversity Center, can visit their website at

www.geocities.com/~writetotom/diversity.html.

Or, email the Center at:

DiversityCenter@axp.calumet.purdue.edu.

Sincerely,
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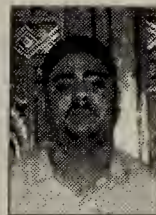
Question of the Week: How do you think the money the university will receive from the tuition increase should be spent?



Sean Bernal

Sophomore, Engineering

"Make a better parking facility."



Victor Davila

Sophomore, CIS

"I think there should be a better tutoring center with online help."



Annabel Perez

Sophomore, Elementary Education

"I hate the parking here. I would like to have a parking garage."



Chris Ross

Grad student, Counseling

"I would like to see the money go towards campus dorms."



April Tyler

Freshman, Early childhood development

"I experienced some exchange students having financial troubles in purchasing their books. They could use the money in assisting them."



Timothy Tate

Senior, Psychology

"I think that the increase should go towards the programs that help expand Purdue Calumet's rate of college graduates."

Library

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and applying the information necessary to effectively take advantage of library tools. Laura Gault, professional library instructor, said that her main duty is to provide instruction for PUC students in the classroom. In her instruction, Gault includes how to navigate all of the library search engines including PULSE, Infoseek and Inspire.

The third mission is to keep current the technology already available for student use and to acquire new technology. Carpenter said her plan is to implement three new current

technologies per year.

She said, "OLLC Iliad and docutech electronic are two information programs that have been reserved for purchase."

Rebecca House-Stankowski, technical services librarian, introduced one of the technological advances that the PUC library has already been able to take advantage of. Rocket e-books are electronic devices that are able to store in its memory 40 different books, each 200 pages long.

"These e-books are available for people to check out at the main information desk," said House-Stankowski.

House-Stankowski said that

the e-books are compact, lightweight and portable making them easy for students to carry around.

The fourth mission is the improvement of the physical facility of the library. Karen Corey, reader service librarian, spoke about the physical renovations that the library has undergone including the change in the teacher's media center and the addition of the elevator. She also addressed a new policy of beverage consumption in the library. Corey said that these, along with other future library features, provide an environment more conducive for studying and researching.

Belarusian women's activist looks to change

CHRISTOPHER JONES
News Writer

In Belarus 74 percent of women live below the poverty line and a little more than 10 percent of women are members of Belarusian Parliament. These numbers are according to independent research—which is compiled by Liudmila Petsina and the Belarus Women's Independent Democratic Movement. Petsina wants to change these numbers.

Petsina, president and founder of the WIDM in Belarus, has been called by colleague Colette Morrow, "the most influential woman" in Belarusian politics. There are currently more than 20 national women's organizations in Belarus, with efforts to fund more.

Petsina, born in 1950, has lived in war-torn Minsk her entire life. Nearly 80 percent of Minsk was destroyed by bombings during World War II. Life for Petsina's family and the rest of Belarusian society was very difficult for many years after the war. The people were very poor and Petsina said it took 17 years for Belarusian society to be stabilized again after the damage. For Petsina, personally, life was also very difficult. Her father died when she was only 2 years old and her mother remarried when she was five. Her family lived in a one-room house and her parents worked 12-hour days, while also working on the weekends building houses for the commonwealth of the community. Petsina said that her mother, who worked as a bookkeeper, had little time to deal with her daughter. Petsina left home when she was 17 to go to the University of Minsk, because she was interested in studying, freedom and traveling. Her studies led her to interests in the field of women's studies, a field she continues to do extensive research on today.

WIDM is the first independent non-government women's movement in Belarus and will celebrate its 10-year anniversary in September. Through this organization Petsina has conducted research on the role of women in decision-making fare and the issue of domestic violence. WIDM has been active in funding other programs that center on the role of women in society. Currently WIDM funds five programs for various fields of study for women, such as a women's political school for women interested in being a politician. WIDM has even been successful enough to have one of its members elected to Belarusian Parliament.

"Since Belarus declared independence from the Soviet Union, Ms. Petsina has worked diligently on behalf of women's rights and for the development of democratic civil society," Colette Morrow, director of Purdue University Calumet women's studies, said.

Petsina won a fellowship through the International Research and Exchange Board by winning a competition based on her research on the United States and the women's movement as an integral part of a

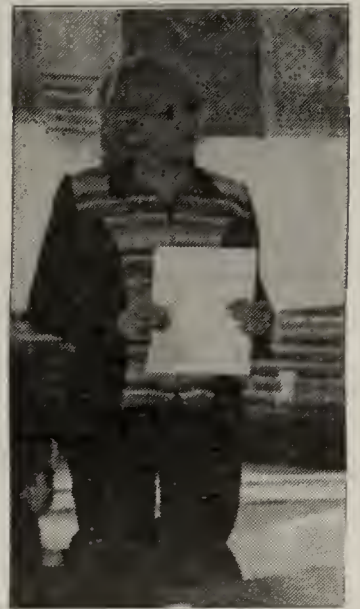


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Liudmila Petsina

democratic society. Through this fellowship she was brought to PUC for a four month stay. Sitting in her office, beneath a wall decorated with photos of prominent women in history, Petsina said she has learned from her stay in the United States.

"In the United States I see us working in a democratic system. I see the ways every person can influence decision-making. There's a lot of very interesting relations between the teachers and the student. This is different from Belarus, where (education) is very formal," Petsina said.

Besides the democratic nature of the United States Petsina said that the people she has encountered while visiting have been very helpful and kind to her. She believes the United States citizens must take an interest in the situation in Belarus and that she will consider using American social theories in her organization in Belarus.

"Living in the United States, I have a new vision, new ideas, a new way for change in Belarus. Not all the knowledge that I take from here I will use in Belarus, but in the future I might use the experience to shape a new strategy for my organization," Petsina said.

Morrow agrees that people in the United States, especially in Northwest Indiana, should take an interest in international situations and for this reason believes Petsina's visit to PUC is important.

"PUC and Northwest Indiana remain fairly isolated from the international arena. Having Petsina on campus gives students a unique opportunity to engage with a human and woman's rights activist whose experience and knowledge are extraordinary," Morrow said.

Richard Rupp, PUC political science professor, is hoping to use Petsina's experience in his classroom. Petsina spoke to Rupp's class April 23 on the issue of Russian history and politics. Rupp said he will give his students readings on Russian and former Russian states, such as Belarus, and believes that a scholar like Petsina will be able to give his students a better understanding of Russian politics than he could himself.

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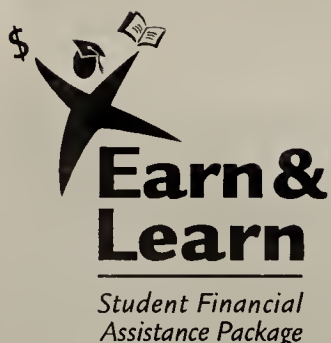
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Hybrid cars make revolutionary breakthrough

MATTHEW FESKO
News Writer

Toyota and Honda have made a splash in the new car market with a new generation of unique hybrid cars. Hybrid cars use both a gasoline engine and a battery powered electrical motor. Famous folk such as Cameron Diaz, Leonardo DiCaprio and Bill Maher cruise through the sunny streets of Hollywood in their \$19,995 Toyota Prius. Leonardo DiCaprio, actor and Prius owner, points out that, "Until you own a hybrid, you don't realize how wasteful standard vehicles are."

The new generation of hybrid cars is nearly twice as efficient on gas than the most efficient gas engines on the market today. The Honda Civic, the best selling compact car in America, had its hybrid version debut last week and sold out immediately. "They're the hottest things since griddle cakes," states sophomore management major Steve Ashby. Unfortunately, their popularity has made finding a



test drive nearly impossible. J.D. Power and Associates, which tracks consumer tastes for the auto industry, expects that by 2006, American consumers will be buying half a million hybrids a year.

Toyota boasts bragging rights on the date of release. The first one in the United States was in 1998, and it uses an electric and internal combustion engine, dubbed ICE. It uses nickel metal hydride batteries to store energy conveniently behind the rear seats, leaving trunk space.

Honda's hybrid Civic uses a more powerful gas engine than the

Prius but still boasts 47 miles per gallon in the city. The engine in the Civic is a 1.3 liter 4 cylinder gasoline engine, smaller than a Harley engine, and debuts the latest version of Honda's Integrated Motor Assist.

For example, when you come to a stop at an intersection your gas engine is at its least efficient and produces a plethora of emissions. The new Honda hybrid cars turn off the gas engine, drastically reducing noise pollution, and the battery powered electrical motor takes over. When accelerating,

Toyota Prius and Honda Civic hybrid cars use both a gasoline engine and a battery powered electrical motor. These cars can run for 652 miles on 13.2 gallons of regular gas.



the battery-powered motor provides power for more efficient energy use. The electric motor captivates kinetic energy from braking and stores it in the battery. Bring forth the regenerative braking revolution.

According to informational pamphlet distributed by Honda, the hybrid car can run for 652 miles on one tank of fuel or 13.2 gallons of regular unleaded. The pamphlet also gives the break-

down on increased safety precautions.

Ford will debut its hybrid Escape SUV next year. It shoots for 40 m.p.g. but plans are still tentative in Detroit. General Motors is not betting on hybrid cars popularity in the next 10 years. Rich Marsh, head of GM's hybrid truck program, feels that, "People are not willing to pay extra money for fuel economy in the U.S."

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This year, the annual Student Awards Reception got a new name, a new location and a larger audience than ever before.

The most recent banquet was held at The Center, April 28 at 3 p.m. and was filled with tales of student achievement and success.

The ceremony began by awarding Departmental Outstanding Seniors. Schools that gave awards included the School of Technology and the School of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences.

Toma Hentea, head of the engineering department, said students were chosen based on academic

performance and participation in student activities. He said it is important to award students who do more than average.

"It gives a sense of community to the campus," Hentea added.

Saul Lemer, awards presenter for LASS, said an important thing that has happened at campus is the development of The Strategic Plan.

"One level of the plan is increasing the level of student retention," he said. "The award ceremony is just one of the things that we need to do to provide support and encouragement to students."

Tracy Vogelmeyer, communication major and recipient of the Departmental Outstanding Senior Award, said she was honored and

surprised when she received the award.

"I'm sure there are plenty of other students who were also qualified for the award."

Vogelmeyer managed to maintain a perfect grade point average, while she produced and directed music videos that won awards.

"It is reaffirming that all the hard work I've done over the past 4 years wasn't for nothing, that accomplishments are recognized. It is an extra boost for students to work," Vogelmeyer said.

The ceremony continued with the Academic Awards.

Colette Morrow, director of the women's studies program, said individuals who received the Shirley Staton Award, one of the academic awards, were selected

because of their excellent academic record and because they model the feminist qualities the program's faculty values.

"The awards are important because they honor both professor Shirley Staton, who was a founder of the women's studies program and who is now deceased, and the students who have earned the awards," Morrow said.

The only student organizations that bestowed awards upon their members were the Student Government Association and *The Chronicle*. The nominations for UPS Outstanding Leaders also came from these two organizations: Nicholas Orange, SGA student body vice president and Kristin Harkin, editor in chief of *The Chronicle*.

Another organization that pulled off an impressive sweep of all three of the PAAC Campus Wide Organization Awards was the Society of Women Engineers. The three categories SWE captured were Most Active Student Organization, Excellence in Community Service and Excellence in Professional Development.

In her description of the group that won, Leticia Toma, director of Alumni Relations, said that the group's portfolio and various accomplishments and activities is what made the committee decide to give all three awards to SWE. Other than a good feeling of accomplishment, SWE also took home \$600 (\$200 per award) that was donated by UPS.

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The Chronicle will publish periodically over the summer online. Here is a sneak peek of just one of this summer's stories. Visit <http://Chronicle.calumet.purdue.edu> for the latest on campus news.



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Team "Girls Luv Maurice," composed of Ember Garrett, a junior majoring in public relations, Brad Kreiger, a junior majoring in public relations, Eric Gulden, a junior majoring in public relations, and Maurice Tisby review their notes after their group presentation for COM 320.

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PUC graduate 'Politically Incorrect'

ESTEBAN GARCIA
News Writer

PUC graduate Adel Iskandar will appear on "Politically Incorrect" May 7. Iskandar, who received his master's degree in communication studies in 2000, co-authored a book titled "Al-Jazeera: How the Free Arab Network Scooped the World and Changed the Middle East." Positive reviews of the book have appeared in the Washington Post and the Chicago Sun-Times.

"I'm very excited about everything that's going on," Iskandar stated.

Iskandar recently gave a presentation at the Carnegie Foundation in New York City for state department officials, United Nations ambassadors, reporters and educators.

"The presentation...was about the book, Al-Jazeera and its role in Middle Eastern and global politics," Iskandar said.

The book, co-authored with Mohammed El-Nawawy, is about "the satellite TV network Al-Jazeera... The network has gained notoriety in the Arab world for being the only free media outlet in

the region and for its unrelenting criticism of some of the Middle East's repressive regimes. Its...fame however came after 9/11 when the network broadcasted several Bin Laden videotapes," Iskandar stated.

The motivation for writing the book was "to give a context for the network and to discuss public opinion in the Middle East... we realized how urgent this project is and its importance in clarifying many misconceptions about the Arab world and the media that operate within it."

Iskandar states that attending PUC was instrumental to his success and career.

"It was in the department of communication and creative arts that I discovered my interest in international media and politics... (PUC) has adequately prepared me and inspired me to pursue further studies in communication at the University of Kentucky where I am completing my Ph.D.," he said.

"Adel is just one of the many successful alumni that attests to the success of our mission," said Yahya Kamalipour, head of the department of communication and cre-



Photo provided

Adel Iskandar

ative arts. Kamalipour met Iskandar in Cairo, Egypt in 1998 at a major international conference.

"From the very beginning (Adel) captured the attention of my colleagues and his peers as being a highly motivated, caring and intelligent student," he said.

"(The department) is definitely excited for Adel. He has a tremendous opportunity ahead of him," said Neil Nemeth, assistant professor in the department of communication and fine arts.

Kamalipour agrees. "It's a wonderful feeling to see that one of our graduates has managed to capture the national and international spotlight," he said.

"Purdue Cal is very dear to me indeed and I am indebted to everyone there who has helped and supported me since my arrival in January 1999," Iskandar said. "PUC is a very unique campus in what it offers students and one will be honored to learn what PUC Alumni have gone on to do with their degrees and expertise."

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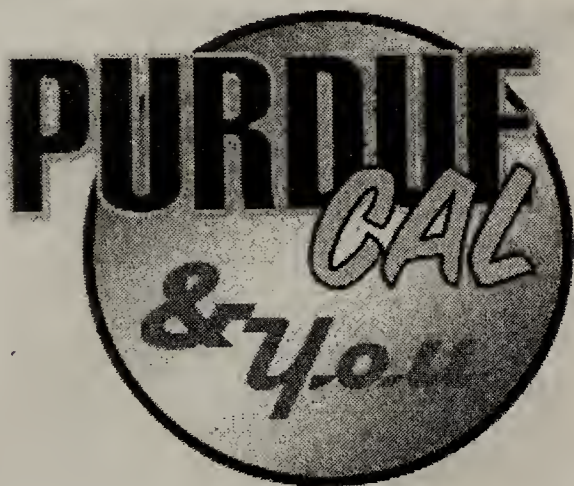
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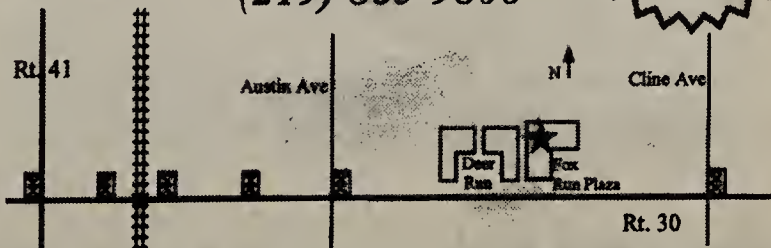
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2nd Dimension night club, located in Schererville on US 30 in the Fox Run Plaza, offers a supply of activities other than drinking. Along with their \$1 off coupons toward cover charges and low prices on beer, there was, however, something lacking.

I will not deny that 2nd Dimension offered exactly what it said it would. The layout appealed to any type of club-goer. There were many stand-up and sit-down tables, and two sets of bathrooms offered visit-

ing convenience from any location in the club. On the right side of the room sat four occupied pool tables, one foosball table with triple goalies and at least five electronic dartboards, backed by stand-up bars with footrests. On the left side of the room sat more tables, along with a recessed wooden dance floor which constantly changed colors as the lights flashed on and off with the beat of the music. The square bar, accessible from three of its four sides, allowed patrons to obtain drinks from whichever mood, or side of the room, they chose to indulge in for the evening. However, without fellow patrons to pass the evening with, all deals and opportunities for fun offered by 2nd Dimension were made irrelevant.

Since I visited the club on a

Thursday night, what I witnessed may have been a direct result of a Thursday night. Many students may not go out on Thursday nights due to expected responsibilities on Friday. But because the advertisement announced Thursday night as college night with \$1.50 domestic beer, I figured many more students would show up. In fact, I expected at least some students to show up. Yet the sparse crowd involved many 'out of college' patrons, who may have been old enough to be younger club-goers fathers, or mothers. Maybe I should have gone on Wednesday night, which promised a dance party with \$2.00 23 oz. domestic drafts, or maybe on a Friday or Saturday night when most clubs are filled. Whichever night I

should've gone, I thought I would see more that Thursday night than I did.

Of course any club needs good music, and I wasn't impressed in this department either. The juke-box, which sang to us for the first half hour, was limited to about eight CD selections, none of which pushed toward a good time. And the deejay that came in later played lots of highly repetitive techno music that drove three people to dancing. But once again I feel I need to emphasize, it could have just been because it was a Thursday night.

Overall, did I hate 2nd dimension? No, I did not. Did I have fun at 2nd Dimension? Sure, because on top of the great company I was in, I played two great games of cricket and relaxed for a couple hours. This

club has great potential and does not lack in things to do, but if it plans to succeed as "Northwest Indiana's Newest Nightclub" it certainly needs to draw more customers in under the age of 40 that want to have a good time dancing and hanging out. And since 2nd Dimension is only open from Wednesdays to Saturdays from 6 p.m. to 3 p.m., they're going to have to do some serious business in those four days to keep things going.

"2nd Dimension"

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Siam Marina a delight

CHRISTOPHER JONES
News Writer

Diners in the Calumet Region wouldn't have it any other way. Region dwellers work with their hands and they drive through the bustle to and from their employment on a daily basis. After they wash away their workday they don't want to spend their evenings dining at a priggish eatery that turns its nose up at their blue-collar existence. They want to treat their loved ones and themselves to fine dining-without ever being made forcibly aware by the establishment that they are players in a fine dining experience.

Calumet City's Thai restaurant Siam Marina seems to have juxtaposed a high-class delicacy with working class comfort. The atmosphere of Siam Marina-its candlelight mood and incense fragrance-would not frighten away even the most barbaric diner. The sketches on the wall of geishas and scribes are balance with a painting of sailboats for those who aren't quite fully ready to graduate from the golden arches to international cuisine. And when the diner pays their bill at the grass hut service counter, they are made to feel as if they've just washed up off the shore of Maui (or more accurately a shore in Thailand).

But you can't eat decorations, unless they're on a birthday cake, and I assume that you're not reading this review for the atmosphere. In the case of Siam Marina, the surroundings lead directly into a per-

son's ability to enjoy their meal. By the time my lemon chicken was served I was made so mellow and comfortable that I was bending unfortunate ears on subjects ranging from Mamet to "Apocalypse Now." When my food arrived those in my vicinity were probably happy that I had something to stuff in my mouth.

Siam Marina's lemon chicken (\$8.95) was the meal that slowed down my chatter-for a moment. Swimming in savory coconut and lemon broth, and served with abalone mushrooms, the quite tender chicken was a delight. (Please forgive me for using the word delight, but a rave food review is required to use the word at least once.) The chicken was so delightful that I was forced to fend off my company's charging forks, as they attempted to taste my curious dish.

The lemon chicken came with a bowl of rice-as do all dishes-and it's needed to soak up the puddle of rich, zesty, broth. (Again, forgive zesty). Those who eat lemon chicken-or any dishes-like a bird should bring two fellow birds with them to finish this hearty meal.

For those who aren't in the mood for poultry; the sweet almond beef (\$8.95), which I sampled off to my neighbor (who was more than willing to trade food for silence) is a nice alternative. The beef had a smoky, marinated, taste to it, which is sure to entice meat lovers.

Siam Marina offers a vegetable substitute for diners who do not eat meat dishes, as well as spicy dishes (not the red peppers on the menu) for those who want a kick in their evening.

If you're looking to eat well and feel comfortable, seek Siam Marina. If you're looking to eat half as well and be made as an observer of a smug environment, seek the yellow pages for such a restaurant-or for help.

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Crow is 'C'mon' back

NICOLE ELISCHER
Entertainment Writer

She surfs, she swims, and yes, she's sporting a bikini. In her latest video, it seems like a four years out of the spotlight and turning 40 have not stop Sheryl Crow from "soaking up the sun" and that she still "can rock on."

It was back in 1988 that Crow's big break in the music world was as a backup singer for Michael Jackson's 18-month "Bad" tour. Her next break came in 1992, when former Police producer Hugh Padgham passed one of her demo tapes to A&M records, eventually signing her on. Her debut album, "Tuesday Night Music Club", released in 1993, was not an instant hit until the following summer with the release of the single, "All I Wanna Do." Her 1996 self-titled album, "Sheryl Crow", featured the hits "Everyday is a Winding Road", "If It Makes You Happy", and the song that banned the disc from Wal-Mart stores, "Love is a Good Thing" because of the lyrics "watch our children as they kill each other/with a gun they bought at a Wal-Mart discount store". Two years later came "The Global Sessions", featuring the tracks "Anything but Down", "My Favorite Mistake" and Bob Dylan-penned "Mississippi".

Crow's latest album, "C'mon, C'mon," could be considered a mixture of the Crow lite we know and love but also a vulnerable but stronger side of Crow not found on her past three studio albums or the 1999 "Live in Central Park". The opening track, "Steve McQueen" is a fun and sarcastic rock tune about a world where there are "All our pop stars look like

porn" and Crow's own image that "still wants to have some fun." The second track, "Soak Up The Sun" (which is also the first single) has obviously become the Crow classic that will gladly live on well past this summer.

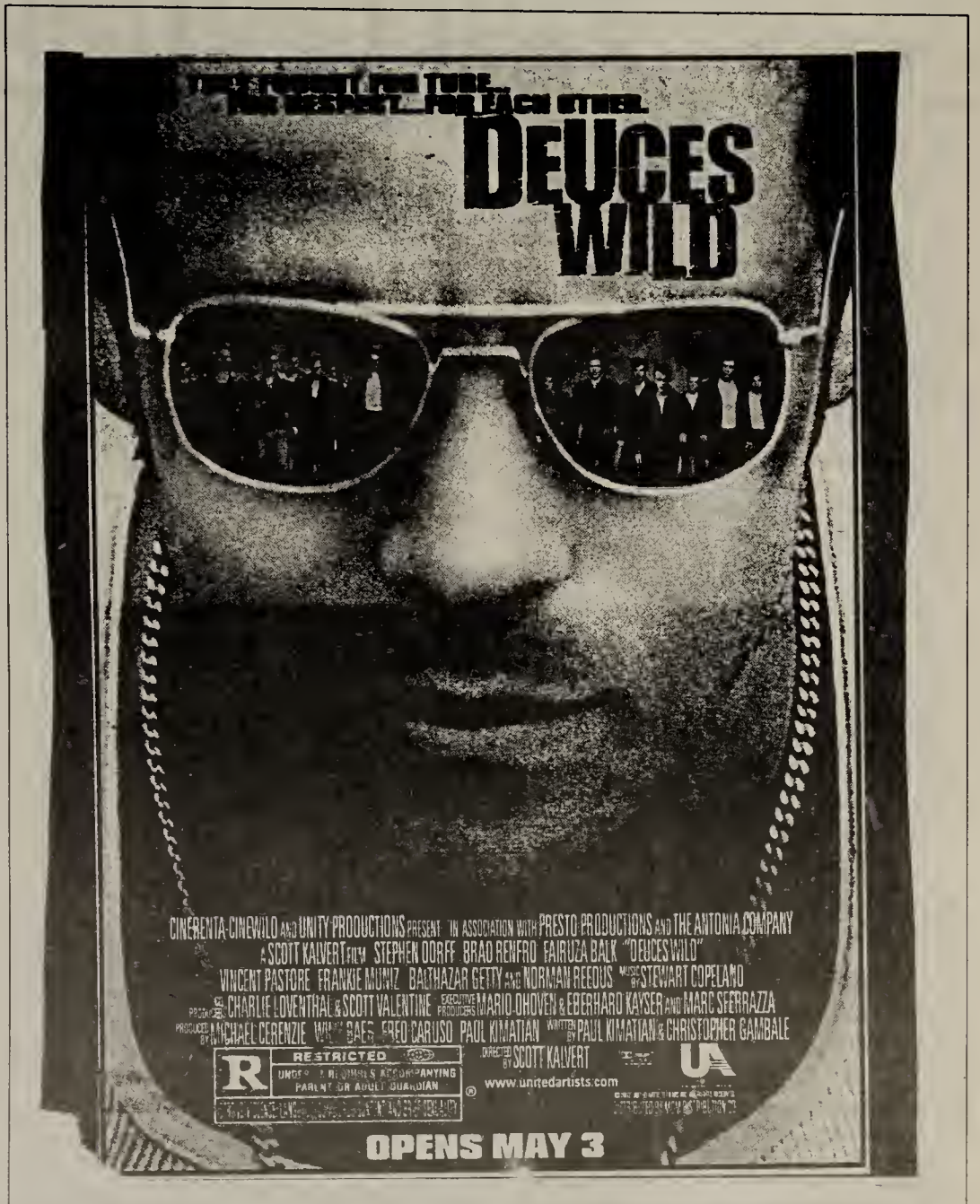
However, it is about at the fourth track that a different Crow emerges. "Safe and Sound", a song first heard on telethon for victims of September 11, is perhaps the most strongest, vulnerable, and poignant song fires up toward the end with a banshee wail that I never heard on any of her songs about pain and loss.

Besides being sunny and sullen, it is also star-packed. Besides Harris and Liz Phair on "Soak Up The Sun", gal pal Stevie Nicks' croon on the title track and the Lennon-inspired "Diamond Road." Actress Gwyneth Paltrow on "It's Only Love" is an interesting choice on a song that was originally recorded on Nick's "Trouble in "Trouble in Shangri-La." Even "Abeline" with Natalie Maines and "It's So Easy" with ex-Eagles Don Henley is worth a listen.

With the comebacks of Sheryl, Alanis, and Jewel, can the return of new mom Sarah McLachlan and all-girl fest Lilith Fair be far behind? In a world where female pop stars look like Barbie dolls with clothes that seem to shrink by the next album, a resurgence of grrrl attitude is not only long overdue but actually a welcome need.

Sheryl Crow
"C'mon, C'mon"

★★★★★



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Summer movies sizzle on the screen

Al Pacino, Robin Williams to star in sleepless thriller

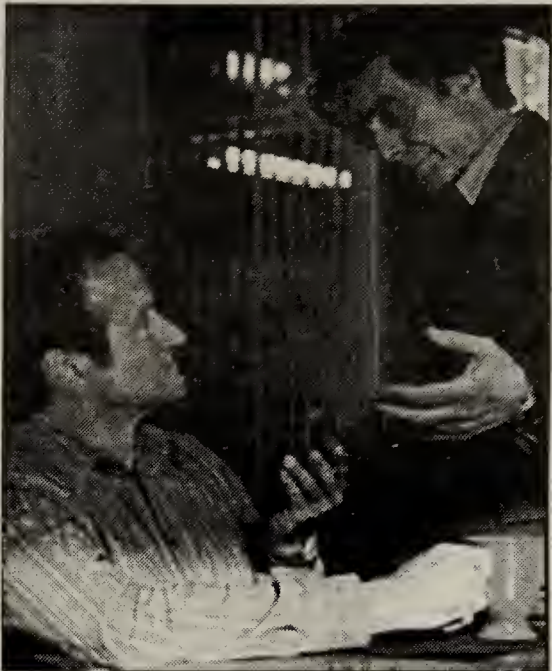
CHRISTOPHER JONES
News Writer

Christopher Nolan, the director of last year's heralded film *Memento* returns May 24 with *Insomnia*, a remake of the 1998 thriller about a serial killer who suffers from sleep deprivation.

The film stars Al Pacino, in a role originally occupied by Stellan Skarsgard, as a Los Angeles detective on the trail of murderer portrayed by Robin Williams. Williams killer forces Pacino's detective to follow him to Alaska, and also forces Pacino to stay awake—literally.

Oscar winner Hillary Swank plays an Alaskan detective who assists Pacino when his character begins tracking Williams in the frozen north.

Trailers for the film suggest that Swank becomes the target of Williams' next murder. *Insomnia* shows promise as a summer sleeper, and a potential critic's darling, with a cast of three Oscar winners, a director hot off of critical triumph and a script already proven worthy by the acclaim of its predecessor.



Al Pacino attempts tirelessly to track down Robin Williams in "Insomnia."

A 'Stitch' in animation



Lilo makes contact with the extraterrestrial in "Lilo and Stitch."

NICOLE ELISHER
Entertainment Writer

In a world where ogres and mammoths of CGI animation succeed, will people want to see a film of traditional drawings? In trailers where a creature that looks like the offspring of a Gremlin and koala is causing chaos in scenes from "Aladdin," Disney might have found their hit with "Lilo and Stitch."

Lilo (Daveigh Chase of "A. I.") is a Hawaiian girl who loves Elvis, hula dancing, and Stitch, a dog that's ... not exactly from this world. Stitch (Chris Sanders) is actually an alien

experiment trained to be the ultimate fighting machine. Deemed the dangerous criminal, Stitch escapes a trip to jail, crashing on Earth. With the alien police pursuing him, it is up to Lilo to protect Stitch and teach him the meaning of "Ohana", or family.

Once this film comes out, I can imagine a lot of "kids" wanting to own Disney's crudest but cutest answer to Elmo. But I can also a good amount of laughs and tears similar to another child-alien film of 20 years ago. Look for "Lilo and Stitch" to land in theaters on June 21st.

Cartoon brought to life : Next 'Star Wars' looks to be hit

TERRENCE ISBELL
Entertainment Writer

"Zoinks!!" "Jinkies!!"
"Let's split up, gang!!"

If any of those words or phrases ring a bell, consider yourself a definite Scooby-phile. And all that knowledge of your Scooby history will be tested come June 14th, when the live-action version of Fred, Daphne, Velma, Shaggy, and Scooby himself comes to theatres.

With so many excellent translations of cartoons like Rocky and Bullwinkle and the Flintstones to the big screen (by the way, I'm being sarcastic), it was only a matter of

time before Scooby got the treatment. So far, the only redeeming aspects are the excellent looking CGI Scooby-Doo character, Matthew Lillard's perfect imitation of Shaggy from the cartoon series, and the "Brady Bunch Movie" type humor that features Shaggy as an alleged pot-head, Velma as a closet lesbian, and Freddy's sheer stupidity (the fact that Freddie Prinze Jr. is playing him has nothing to do with it, I'm sure).

If these high points of the movie beat out the lower points, then the Scoobs may just have a chance this summer.

AMY PILARCZYK
Entertainment Writer

The force will be with everyone this summer when "Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones" comes to theaters. The movie will be released worldwide on May 16th, which may seem weird since it is a Thursday.

This movie is set ten years in the future from "Episode I" Anakin Skywalker (Hayden Christensen) returns with Obi (Ewan McGregor) to protect Senator (No longer Queen) Amidala (Natalie Portman). The two build a relationship while fighting against the dark side



Anakin Skywalker (Hayden Christensen) and Amidala (Natalie Portman) attempt to find love in "Star Wars Episode 2: Attack of the Clones."

and an evil separatist Count Dooku (played by Christopher Lee).

This movie will probably be the biggest blockbuster of the

summer. Too many people enjoy the "Star Wars" movies not to go see it. It will be the movie that everyone will talk about this summer.

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Austin back to have shagadelic time



Dr. Evil and Mini Me attempt to take over the world once again in "Austin Powers in Goldmember," to be in theaters July 26.



AMY PILARCZYK
Entertainment Writer

Ready to have a swinging summer? Well you can start by seeing the new Mike Myers movie "Austin Powers in Goldmember." 'Goldmember' pops up in theaters on July 26th.

The movie will once again have Austin trying to save the world from the evil plots of Dr. Evil and Mini Me. Dr. Evil kidnaps Austin's father, Nigel Powers (Michael Caine). Dr. Evil and Mini Me team up with a new villain by the name of Goldmember. Austin then goes back to 1975 to team up with an old girlfriend, Foxy Cleopatra (Beyonce Knowles). Many cameos and old characters will show up in the movie. This movie will take on the same humor as the other two, so there will be no surprises from that. I am waiting to see if Beyonce can act as well as she sings, or if casting her was a major mistake.

• 'Men in Black' are • back for seconds

AMY PILARCZYK
Entertainment Writer

"Here come the Men in Black". Yes it is true the famous duo of Agent J and Agent K are back again this summer to fight aliens in "Men in Black 2." The movie will be in theaters on July 3rd.

The movie once again stars Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones as the hero agents J and K. This movie also features Rosario Dawson as J's love interest. Rounding out the cast is Rip Torn as Chief Z and Patrick Warburton as Agent T. Other actors (such as famed 'Jackass,' Johnny Knoxville as a two headed alien) will be portraying various alien life

forms that are likely to be fought by the M.I.B.'s

People who loved the first movie will most likely go see this. A summer that is littered with sequels, this should be one of the most popular ones to see.



Tommy Lee Jones and Will Smith team up one more time in "Men In Black II."



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THE SPRANKLE CONFINES

Blackhawks' season over



FRANK SPRANKLE
Sports Editor

The Blackhawks entered the first round of the Stanley Cup Playoffs by running into a brick wall. That brick wall being none other Brent Johnson. The St. Louis Blues goalie minded the nets in all five games of the best of seven series, giving-up only three goals, with consecutive shutouts in Games 2, 3, and 4.

But before the domination of Johnson, the Blackhawks came and left Game 1 with high hopes. With the game tied at 1-1 and just 3:10 remaining in regulation, defenseman Alexander Karpovtsev came through with the go-ahead goal.

As the Hawks stuck first blood, it only seemed to be the end of the magic as far as this season went. Two days later the Blues struck for two goals, but that was all they needed for the shutout win.

Twenty-four hours later, the series shifted northward up 1-55 to the United Center. Unlike an early honest team effort of the game before, the Hawks returned home scared, and it showed. They only had 12 shots on goal and struggled all night fundamentally, as the Blues took Game 3, 4-0.

Two days later, the Hawks might have come out in full strength, but Johnson made 27 saves, en-route to another St. Louis shutout.

Going back to the Savis Center for Game 5, the Hawks found themselves in a due or die situation. Still, there was some offense, as they accounted for three goals, but not enough as the Blues went on to a 5-3 victory to advance to the Western Conference Semifinals.

For Johnson, he would post 299 minutes, while managing a save percentage of .959% in the series. He would become only the fourth goaltender in NHL history to post three consecutive playoff game shutouts, the last coming in 1945 when Frank McCool of the Toronto Maple Leafs blanked the Detroit Red Wings in the Stanley Cup Finals.

The Blackhawks might have ended their stretch early, but a final record of 41-27-13 captured a postseason spot, after going four seasons with a play-off dry spell.

However, the Hawks have now gone 41 years without drinking from Lord Stanley's Cup. That mark is the longest drought of any time in the NHL.

5K run/walk draws a big turnout

FRANK SPRANKLE
Sports Editor

The weather conditions might have been cool and damped on the morning of April 27, but that did not stop a big turnout for the Total Fitness Center's Spring Fling 5K run/walk. In its second year of existence, this event gave anyone the chance to participate in exercise, while roaming the area around the PUC campus.

At 9:00 a.m., the race began with an estimated 250 people showing-up. That marked more than doubled the total from last year, when 108 individuals came out to run 5K course. Only then was this event a new event for the TFC, now it has become well known.

"I was pleased we had a number of PUC students and employees, if anything it was

the weather that kept people away," TFC coordinator John Bobalik said.

The path of the 5K run/walk started on the west side of the PUC campus. Midway through the 3.1-mile route, Gatorade was handed out to all the runners. The end came across the street from the main campus at the PER Building. The course originally would have ended in the PUC parking lot, but due to a cancellation of a children's basketball tournament, everyone gathered in the PER Building field house for a post-run snack and drink.

During the gathering, an awards ceremony was held with winners from different age groups announced. In all, Chris Reed came in first with a time of 16:16.

"I like the course, it was neat to run around the campus, PUC

organized the run well," Reed said, who is resident of Lansing and a high school junior at T.F. South, and a member of the cross country team in the fall, and track team in the spring.

Reed, along with two friends, decided to attend the 5K run/walk the night before. By the time it ended, the three would become members of the Calumet Region Striders.

For the striders, this event became part of their gold cup series. The purpose of this club is to encourage those who have a passion for running, a chance to get active in it. What started 24 years ago has grown to include more than 500 members.

Peotone resident Tom Turner has been involved with the striders for 6 years. At the 5K run/walk, he added another race to his Gold Cup card.

"I got into racing through guys at work, plus I suffered from high blood pressure, gold cup is a great race, it's a great culture itself, you see the same people over and over again, its great," Turner said, who's wife Jamie is also a member of the Calumet Region Striders.

In the end, the race became a success with a good strider turnout, that help into the increase of this year's 5K.

"We had about 100 striders. On average we get anywhere from 100 to 150 a race, but this was a great turnout considering this was a first race for us," Calumet Region Striders President Sue Brown said.

"John (Bobalik) did a great job, we hope to support this race again."

Everyone who entered the 5K received a neon green T-shirt



Photo by Dave Thompson

With the best overall finishing time of 16:16, Lansing resident Chris Reed (middle) attends the 5K Run/Walk with friends.

commemorating the event, with the advertisers on the back. Some of the corporations that sponsored the run include UPS, Stack & VanTil, and Chilies.

Well worth the \$12 spent to enter the 5K, which will go toward perusing careers for fitness students. Still, some were thankful that Mother Nature held-up.

"I'm thankful that the rain held-up. I prayed that it was not going to be a down pour," Griffith resident and TFC member Kathy Kallog said as she walked the course.

It might be early to look ahead to another spring fling, but in spite of the good turnout, the TFC would like to see it improve down the road.

"We want to make the 5K run/walk better every year," Bobalik said.

"Our workers are the ones that do a good job in setting-up this event."



Photo by Dave Thompson

Participants of the 5K Run/Walk begin the run on Woodmar Avenue at the west end of campus.

ESU volleyball tournament fights rain, cool temperatures

FRANK SPRANKLE
Sports Editor

This past year has been pleasing to ESU (Erector Spine Universitas). Already, this group, which runs out of the Total Fitness Center in providing intramurals to its students, has seen its membership grow.

In the past, volleyball and basketball have dominated the ESU circuit, but most recently, they have expanded their programs, providing flag football and whiffle ball. But on April 27, a tradi-

tion continued with the third annual sand volleyball tournament. Or so continued, rain eventually forced this tournament to move from outside to the comfort of the PER Building gym.

The cost for one team to enter amounted to \$30, with five or six members per squad. In all, five teams entered as a total of 30 people played.

In coinciding with the 5K run/walk that took place at just about the same time, the volleyball tournament had to face the weather, certainly, a difference from last year, in which conditions were right for playing-in.

"The difference from last year is that the weather was warmer, this year it's colder," ESU member and PUC senior Fernando Andrade said, who is an electrical engineering major. Andrade fought the elements with his team, known as the "Brazilians."

Eventually, the rain began to fall. As a result, the fun moved inside, to the hard floor of the PER Building's gym. But with rain the predicated forecast, ESU president Pete Fagan prepared ahead.

"We had everything set in the gym and ready to go incase of rain," Fagan said, who went on as saying that moving the volleyball

indoors might have benefited some.

"Some of our members loved being indoors, because they wanted to play real volleyball instead of in the sand," Fagan said.

Fagan's team known as "The Steak Continues," apparently got that title because of the fact that he has finished all intramurals to this point at 0-15.

In fact, most of the participants from this tournament have been involved in the yearly intramural volleyball event.

Chris Werner is a PUC staff

member who works on computers throughout campus. As an ESU member, he was most recently involved in the intramural volleyball, and took part in the sand volleyball.

"I think the intramural volleyball is good and getting better because the difference is they (ESU) does more advertising and if you are a member you already know about it, but advertising throughout the campus helps a lot," Werner said, as he said the biggest task of the sand volleyball tournament was to stay warm.



Photo by Dave Thompson

ESU and PUC staff member Chris Werner serves the ball in the third annual intramural sand volleyball tournament.



Photo by Dave Thompson

Rain forces the volleyball tournament inside to the PER Building gym.

A message of thanks, from Frank Sprankle

FRANK SPRANKLE
Sports Editor

First of all, I would like to express thanks, to our business manager Valdemar Garibay for giving me more page space, after all he is the one individual, why this is a 16- page issue. The reason is, that this is in all likelihood, my final issue as sports editor of the PUC Chronicle, but possibly not my last in covering sports. I came to this staff in August of 2000 as a general

writer covering sports, and then given the title of sports editor in January 2001. But I'm not leaving this staff just yet. Most recently I applied and am a candidate to becoming managing editor, but if I don't get that position, then our sports copy editor is graduating, so there is still room for me.

In deciding to step down as sports editor, I came to the main conclusion that two sports writers have at times helped me a great deal. Once in a while, their work has gotten in the Chronicle, but they have paid their dues long enough. I believe its time that they should have the chance to commentate about sports, just like I have done with the "Sprankle Confines" this year. In general, it's about time that someone else received a fair chance at calling the shots as far as sports on the Chronicle are concerned. Therefore, I would like to thank Mike Halgas and Charlie Festa for contributing their time and

commitment to this newspaper. In all, I would like to thank the entire Chronicle staff, including fellow editors, writers, managers, photographers, and an online staff for putting such a great newspaper over the course of the year.

For me, it has been a privilege and an honor to cover a number of events here at PUC and the people that made them. Starting with our basketball programs, both the Lakers and Lady Lakers. I have enjoyed watching both teams on the court for the last two years, rather it be giving my time of weeknights or on a Saturday afternoon, standing either in or outside the locker room to chat, with box score in hand, has been something that I have liked. I thank Lakers Head Coach Gary Hayes and Lady Lakers Head Coach Dennis Smith, their assistants, and of course all the players for making my task over these last two years possible, in giving-up their time and chatting with me.

However, in order for this university to establish a good athletic reputation, it will take the support of this, the PUC campus, of having more intercollegiate programs on campus. But in his first year as Director of Fitness, Wellness, and Sports, Rob Jensen hopes to work with the PUC population in bring more teams in the years to come.

I thank Rob Jensen for giving me his time, as well to the person he succeed John Friend.

I would also like to express thanks, to John Bobalik of the

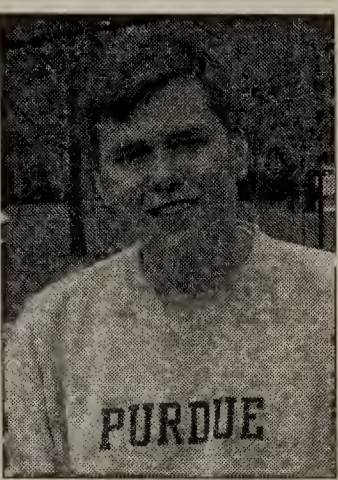


photo by Dave Thompson

Frank Sprankle

Total Fitness Center. In being here 16 years, the center has grown to get lengths under his leadership. I also want to thank all the TFC staff members as well as ESU's Pete Fagan and Matt Dudzik for giving me some of their time.

If there was someone who I failed to thank, I apologized, after all there are a number of people who have been supportive of my work, which I hope one day will translate into a professor covering sport, for it's my passion, it's what defines me, God has blessed me with such a great talent.

In the end, I must thank you, the readers of the Chronicle. Once again, I still plan on covering sports on this staff whenever I have time available. But it has been the readers that mean a lot, not to me, but everyone on this staff.

2002 Intramural Basketball Results

PUC INTRAMURAL SPORTS 2002 SPRING BASKETBALL

FINAL TEAM STANDINGS- As of April 15, 2002

Rank	Name (Team)	W	L	OT	GR	PF (Avg.)	PA (Avg.)	Margin
1	Old School	6	0	0	0	433 (72.17)	354 (59)	+13.17
2	Villains	5	1	0	0.5	452 (75.33)	301 (50.17)	+25.16
3	Defending Champs	4	2	1	1.0	421 (70.17)	378 (63)	+7.17
4	Giant Killers	3	3	1	1.5	355 (59.17)	358 (59.67)	-0.5
5	No Names	2	4	2	2.0	400 (66.67)	433 (72.17)	-5.5
6	Underdogs	1	5	2	2.5	350 (58.33)	450 (75)	-16.67
7	We Bone	0	6	3	3.0	263 (48.83)	348 (58)	-9.17

PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

Elimination Round Sunday, April 21, 2002		
#5-No Names vs. #4-Giant Killers	#6-Underdogs vs. #3-Defending Champs	#7-We Bone vs. #2 Villains
NOON	1PM	2PM

Winner 5/4 vs. #1-Old School
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Championship Game Sunday, April 21, 2002		
Winner 6/3-7/2 vs. Villains 5/4-1		
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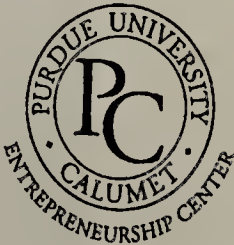
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